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A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts

- A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising thirty-four (34) pages.
- Drawings (3 sheets)
- A copy of the Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition as originally filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.
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The Parent Application is assigned of record to Micron Technology, Inc. as recorded at reel 8582, frame 0692.

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The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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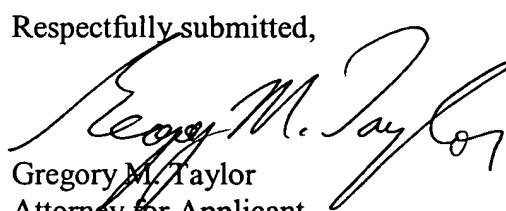
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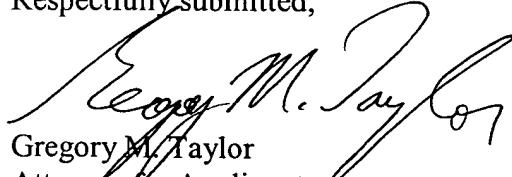
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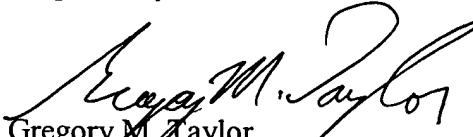
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